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Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

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Banks.

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THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 2nd Dec., at Noon, at his Auction Sales Rooms, Pedder's Wharf,—

BLUE PILOT CLOTH, Brown Pilot Cloth, Grey Meltons, Tweeds, Buckskins, Fancy Flannels, Blue Serge, Union Flannel, Wool Mitts, Wool Scarves, etc.

150 boxes Candles.

10 casks Washing Soda.  
50 doz. Day and Martin's Shoe Blacking.

10 casks Split Peas.

10 cases Sardines.

100 boxes each 28-lb. Pale Hard Washing Soap.

An Invoice of Morton's STORES, comprising: Pickles, Table Salt, Table Vinegar, Mustard, Salad Oil, Confectionery, Olives, Capers, Lea and Perrins' Sauce, Green Peas, Salmon in 1-lb. tins, etc., etc.

Casks of Guinness' Stout by Burke, in quarts and pints; Cognac, Brandy, Kinahan's Whisky, Old Tom, Ginger Wine, Beer, Bonkamp Bitters, etc.

Turkish Towels, Huckaback Towels, Braces, Cotton Thread, Prints, Socks, etc.

5 cases Loaf Sugar, small sized Leaves.

15 cases each 25 doz. Tumblers.  
Hubbuck's White Zinc, White Lead, Turpentine, etc.

2 cases Assorted Envelopes.

2 cases Magneta Dyes in Tins.

And a Variety of Other GOODS.

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G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Nov. 29, 1879. de6

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000.  
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R. H. SANDEMAN,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

December 3rd, 1879.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of

H. E. J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

CHARITABLE CONCERT.

For the Benefit of the Orphans of

the Italian Convent,

By the CHARITY of Signor AUGUSTO CAGLI

and all the ARTISTS of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

Prices of Admission:

Dress Circle and Stalls, £2.

Back Seats, £1.

Doors open at 8.30; performance to commence at 9 o'clock precisely.

Programme will appear on MONDAY, the 1st December, 1879.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KELLY and WALSH's.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879. de6

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'S CHAMPAGNE,

In Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE RORDERER & Co.'S CHAMPAGNE,

awarded the

Gold Medal at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

Quarts.....£17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....£18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. de6



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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

Intimations.

GLASGOW BANK FAILURE.

CLEARING off of the present STOCK at a GREAT REDUCTION for a Few Days Only.

BUCHANAN, PEARSON & Co., 42, Queen's Road.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,  
BEG to announce the ARRIVAL of the  
following FIRST-CLASS  
S T O R E S, &c.  
Ex "OCEANIC,"  
"LORD OF THE ISLES,"  
And Other Late Arrivals.

Finest California BUTTER in Rolls.  
Good Cooking BUTTER in Kegs.  
Fine Apple CHEESE.  
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Prime Gilroy CHEESE.  
Fine Eastern HAMS.  
Fine Eastern BACON.  
Prime Smoked SALMON.  
Smoked HERRINGS.  
Boston MACKEREL.  
SALMON BELLIES.  
Family PIG PORK and BEEF in Kegs.  
Pickled OX-TONGUES.  
Boneless and Good Dry CODFISH.  
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Finest CAVIARE and SARDELLES.

Fresh APPLES.  
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BICKORY NUTS.  
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Do. LUNCH TONGUE.  
Do. Compressed HAM.  
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HAM.  
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L. MCNEIL & LIBBY's Compressed  
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Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. tins.  
Boneless Spiced PIG'S FEET.  
Assorted Devilled MEATS.  
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CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER  
CAKES.  
CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s SODA  
BISCUITS.  
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TER CRACKERS.  
WAFER BISCUITS per  
Pound.

OATMEAL in Casks.  
Fresh CORNMEAL.  
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BUCK WHEAT.  
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HOMINY.

CUTTING's Assorted JELLIES in Glass  
Pots.  
CUTTING's Assorted DESSERT FRUITS.  
Do. QUEEN'S OLIVES.  
Do. Pickled LIMES.  
Do. Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Do. ASPARAGUS.  
Do. Assorted VEGETABLES.  
Do. Assorted PICKLES.  
Do. Assorted SAUCES.

White BEANS.  
Split PEAS.  
MESS' PORK and BEEF.  
BORDEN'S Condensed MILK  
(very fresh).  
&c., &c., &c.

CROSE & BLACKWELL'S  
HOUSEHOLD STORES.

MULSOW'S  
Assorted German SAUSAGES.  
Do. Do. VEGETABLES.  
Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

PHILIPPE & CANAUD'S  
SARDINES. Assorted PATES.

JOHN MOE & SONS'  
Celebrated FAMILY STORES.  
Game PIES, Veal and Ham PIES.  
Truffled SAUSAGES.  
Cambridge SAUSAGES.  
Bologna SAUSAGES.  
Pork SAUSAGES, SAVOLEYS.  
SALMON OUTLETS (in Indian Sauce).  
HADDOCK ROES. Fried SOLES.  
Kippered HERRINGS. BLOATERS.  
HERRINGS A LA SARDINE.  
OATMEAL, &c., &c.

## BOOKS!

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The Latest and most Popular  
NOVELS,  
BY FIRST-CLASS AUTHORS.  
DICTIONARIES,  
&c., &c., &c.

"Cable Coll," "Perfection" and "Empress  
of India."

## TOBACCO'S.

Specally Selected CIGARS.  
Cavite CHEROOTS.  
Princess CHEROOTS.  
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Princess CIGARS.  
Arokers CIGARS.  
Vigorous CIGARS.  
Choice No. 3 Meing CHEROOTS.  
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

REVOLVERS & RIFLES.  
Breech loading Central Fire FOWLING  
PIECES.  
Electro-Plated "British Bull Dog"  
REVOLVERS.

SMITH AND WESSON'S REVOLVERS.  
Colt's DERRINGER PISTOLS AND  
REVOLVERS.

CARTRIDGES, &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

S. S. O X U.S.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S.  
Euphrate, from London, in connection  
with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the  
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the  
Consignees, before 2 p.m. To-day, the 26th  
Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WED-  
NESDAY, the 3rd December at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1879. de8

BRITISH BARQUE PAMPERO, FROM  
ANTWERP.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above  
Vessel are hereby requested to send  
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, November 18, 1879. tf

## To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA  
COMPANY.

Signor CAGLI has the honour to announce  
that a SUBSCRIPTION LIST for FOUR  
BENEFIT NIGHTS is now Open at Messrs  
KELLY and WALSH's.

SATURDAY, 6th December,  
Benefit of Signor ROSA GENOLINI,  
Bellini's Celebrated Opera  
"Norma."

TUESDAY, 9th December,  
Benefit of Signor SERBIO,  
Gounod's Grand Opera  
"Faust."

THURSDAY, 11th December,  
Benefit of Signor BERGAMASCHI,  
Rossini's Favourite Opera  
"II Barbiere di Seviglia."

SATURDAY, 13th December,  
Benefit of Signor CAGLI,  
Verdi's Popular Opera  
"La Traviata."

Priests of Subscription for the Benefit Season.  
Dress Circle (Single).....\$ 9.  
Family Ticket (Three).....\$ 20.  
Stalls (Single).....\$ 6.  
Family Ticket (Three).....\$ 15.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de14

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of  
H. E. J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G.,  
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ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA  
COMPANY.

TO-MORROW EVENING,  
Dec. 2nd, 1879,  
SEVENTH SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT,  
The GRAND OPERA, by MARCHETTI,  
"Ruy Blas."

THURSDAY EVENING,  
Dec. 4th, 1879,  
LAST NIGHT OF THE FIRST SUB-  
SCRIPTION SEASON,  
"Un Ballo in Maschera."

Between the FIRST and SECOND ACTS, Signor  
CORTESI and Signor BAGAGLIO will sing  
SELECTIONS.

La Calunia, { Barbiere, { Signor  
Maitilde and { Signor  
Cavatina, { Chabran, { Signor  
CORTESI.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KELLY  
and WALSH's.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de5

TO LET.

THE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4,  
Praya East, MARINE Lot No. 65  
(formerly known as the "Blue Houses")  
with possession on 1st January, proximo.  
Apply to

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. jal

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:-

HAZEL HOLME, British barque, Capt. J.  
Wm. MILLIAN - Vogel & Co.

OBERRON, German barque, Captain S. S.  
Schmidt - Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge -  
Molchers & Co.

HONGKONG, German 3-masted schooner,  
Captain Carl Oom - Wieler & Co.

YORKTOWN, American ship, Capt. J. F.  
Murphy - Order.

PELHO, German barque, Capt. Seekamp -  
Siemens & Co.

PRIMUS, Russian ship, Captain Th. W.  
Bergman - Order.

UNDINE, German barque, Captain F.  
Kruse - Molchers & Co.

MOSES B. TOWER, American barkentine,  
Capt. C. Hall - Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ARNHOLD, British steamer, Capt. Thom-  
son - Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de12

## Notices to Consignees.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship  
"KWANGTUNG".

Captain ANDERSON will be de-  
spatched for the above Ports  
on THURSDAY, the 4th instant, at Day-  
light, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de4

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship  
"ACHILLES".

Capt. C. ANDERSON, will be de-  
spatched on or about the  
4th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship  
"PATROCLUS".

Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be de-  
spatched on or about the  
15th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

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Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship  
"CHINAMAN".

Capt. J. MCKENZIE, Master, will load  
here and at Whampoa for the  
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark  
"CHINAMAN".

Capt. J. MCKENZIE, Master, will load  
here and at Whampoa for the  
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark  
"PRINCE FREDERICK".

Capt. J. MCKENZIE, Master, will load  
here and at Whampoa for the  
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark  
"PALMA".

Capt. J. MCKENZIE, Master, will load  
here and at Whampoa for the  
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 German Bark  
"AUGUST".

Capt. J. MCKENZIE, Master, will load  
here and at Whampoa for the  
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

was composed of Chinese boatmen from the Police bulk, with P. & C. Bond as coxswain. It is to be observed, curiously enough, that the European crew had a native of the Celestial Empire for coxswain, while the Chinese had a European.

This week's Home Mail is the last P. & O. Saturday Mail hence. The next homeward departure of P. & O. steamer will be under the new mail contract, from Yokohama on the 6th, from Shanghai on the 12th, and from Hongkong on Wednesday, the 17th December. The local agents of the *Messageries* have, so far, received no instructions to alter their dates of departure, but in all likelihood telegraphic advices will be to hand before the 20th, and they also will make the change at the same time as the P. & O., their first steamer under the new arrangement leaving on the 24th. There will thus be the last of the French mails under the old arrangement and the first of the P. & O. under the new contract within a few days of each other, viz., 13th and 17th inst.

At the last meeting of the Lodge St. John No. 618, S. C., the brethren presented Bro. J. Keating with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The jewel bears the following inscription,— "Presented to Bro. J. Keating by the members of St. John." The jewel was provided by Messrs Falconer & Co. The ribbon is of the Royal Stuart tartan, matching the facings of the official aprons and sashes of the Lodge. This young but enterprising Lodge has emerged from the troubles of its earlier existence and now enjoys general recognition as a properly constituted body. The Acting Grand Master, E. C., will install Bro. Driscoll, who was lately elected master of St. John's. There are now 70 members on the roll.

*The Amoy Gazette* reports a case disposed of by the Acting Consul, H. A. Giles, Esq., on the 22nd ult. F. Goddard, master of the steamer *Hai Loong*, was charged with a breach of Sec. 157 of the Merchant Shipping Act. Captain Goddard admitted the charge, but stated in part explanation that the Canton seamen not entered upon the articles were shipped before his time, and that he only found out on the previous night that there were some Swatow names on the articles. Fined \$60 and costs.

The Amoy paper announces the death on the 23rd of Mr. C. Bismarck, the German Consul at that port. Deceased was born in Germany, in 1839. He came to China in 1861 as attaché to the German Embassy under H. E. Count Eulenberg, and on the return of the Embassy to Europe, joined the German Legation at Peking, where he mastered the Mandarin and other dialects. He was subsequently appointed Consul at Tientsin, and acted as interpreter to the German and other Ministers at their interview with the late Emperor Tung-tche. Afterwards he was appointed acting Consul to Amoy in the place of Dr. Krauel who had proceeded to Europe on furlough, and Mr. Bismarck was himself just on the point of leaving for Europe on leave when he was prostrated by abscess of the liver which has now resulted fatally. During Mr. Bismarck's residence of three years at Amoy, he has made many friends. He was twice decorated by his Emperor with the Order of Merit and the Red Eagle for distinguished services. He leaves a wife and two children. All that human sympathy can do for them will receive; the entire community will deeply mourn with them in this terrible loss. The funeral took place this morning (24th) at 8 o'clock and was well attended.

#### "ERNANI" AT THE CITY HALL

The Royal Italian Opera Company gave their sixth subscription performance on Saturday night, repeating Verdi's charming opera "Ernani," with the same cast of characters as on the first representation. The audience was as usual a large one, although hardly so demonstrative as on previous occasions, a great deal of dissatisfaction being felt and expressed at the policy pursued by Signor Cagli giving a repetition. It has been pointed out to us, and we quite see the justice of the complaint, that Signor Cagli in selecting subscriptions for his performances, distinctly undertook to produce a series of eight different operas, and on that understanding many people became subscribers. Considering that the Company boast of having something like forty operas in their repertoire, one is forced to the conclusion that operas are being repeated for an interested motive, namely, a saving of time, although this object can be only attained by deliberately breaking faith with the community at large. To say that "Ernani" was repeated "by general request" is simply a ridiculous form of expression which practically means nothing, and which has been repudiated by scores of subscribers. In a previous article we expressed an opinion that the artists forming the company were being too hard driven, to have a favourable chance of appearing at their best before the public, and our views have been verified by the letter. Instead of cramming three operas into one week let Signor Cagli deal fairly with the public and his own company by giving two only, so that, properly rehearsed, they may be presented on the stage in a manner worthy of an Italian Opera Company. Time is very valuable, no doubt to our enterprising *impreario*, and the more operas he produces the better will it be for his exchequer, but the public are entitled to some consideration, and they appear to think, if Saturday night's expression of opinion may be accepted as a criterion, that they are not receiving much from Signor Cagli. The success of the proposed second series of subscription operas may have been more imperilled than the Signor believes by the dissatisfaction he has caused in giving two repetitions; however, that will probably be seen hereafter. Personally, and speaking as an ardent admirer of high class

music, we could sit out any number of times respectable interpretations of such master pieces of the composer's art as "Ernani" or "Un Ballo in Maschera" but all playgoers are not musical enthusiasts, and we therefore contend that as a question of expediency, as well as a matter of right, if repetitions were intended to be given, a statement to that effect ought to have been publicly made when subscriptions were solicited.

Having fulfilled our duty to the public by this "grow," we must his back to the second performance of *Ernani*. Although the various characters were evenly sustained throughout, and although the singing and acting of the prima donna, the tenor, and the bass in the last act were unusually effective, the opera was not a great success. Signor Genofini made but an indifferent *Elvira*, both musically and dramatically, and in the first act especially she sang flat, and proved quite unable to reach any of the high notes she essayed. We make every allowance for the lady, as she was evidently suffering from a severe cold, and no doubt was quite exhausted with her recent great exertions. Signor Sbriccia did not shine so brightly as usual in the title rôle, even in those parts where he is most at home, his voice in the majority of his scenes being hard and unsympathetic, the certain result of an incessant strain on the vocal organ. He acted with great energy in the final scene, and his impersonation generally was free from the exaggerations which have disfigured his other histrionic attempts. The old Spanish Grandee showed Signor Bagaglio at his best, and in conception and execution the representation was a highly creditable one. His singing was meritorious, and he acted with so much skill, care, and intelligence, that we are inclined to award him the highest honor of the evening. Signor Bergamaschi was an excellent *Don Carlos*, although at times his usually fine voice was rather at fault. His acting was a perfect study of the character, natural, full of dignity and grace.

The minor characters were as bad as ever, and as the scenic effects and appointments required for *Ernani* are somewhat extensive, the opera was necessarily very indifferently put upon the stage, and the imagination had to do a deal of work in conjuring up pictures of conspirators, attendants, &c., &c. Surely the military aspirants to histrionic fame who assisted the English Opera Company, or their successors, are available for supernumeraries! The expense could only be small, and the effect of picturesque grouping would much improve the various operatic representations. The three popular choristers are certainly ubiquitous, but it is not dramatically correct for even these interesting histrions to appear in half a dozen characters in the same opera, although they do occasionally change their raiment, in order to vary the monotony. In Saturday night's opera, the King of Spain surprised (and is supposed to have surrounded) the conspirators, accompanied by only one man, and the effect was rather ludicrous. Half a dozen soldiers would much improve the *tableaux* of every opera, and we commend our suggestion to Signor Cagli's consideration.

At the fall of the curtain Signora Genofini, and Signori Sbriccia and Bagaglio were loudly applauded, and had to reappear in answer to an unanimous call. The accompaniments were carefully played by Signor Guarneri and Mr. Penati, and Signor Torriani wielded the conductor's baton with his usual discretion.

Marchetti's fine opera "Ruy Blas" will be produced on Tuesday night, and according to advertisement it is proposed to repeat "Un Ballo in Maschera" on Thursday.

#### CORESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"  
Portuguese Consulate,  
Hongkong, Nov. 25, 1879.

SIR,—My attention having been called to the report reproduced from the *Japan Gazette* in your last night's issue, of the sad investigation held at Yokohama on board the steamer *Malacca*, into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. P. E. Pistorius, on board that vessel on the morning of the 4th inst., and finding my name was mentioned by Dr. Barclay, surgeon of the steamer, in replying to questions put to him by the Netherlands Consul, as having been an intimate friend of the late Mr. Pistorius, I must, in justice to myself and in order to remove from the mind of his relations and many friends in Japan, Singapore, and Holland, the painful impression which Dr. Barclay's statement must produce, request you to be good enough to allow me space in your most respected paper to contradict Dr. Barclay's statement, first of my having accompanied Mr. Pistorius on board, and secondly of not having suggested to him that he should be left behind, and to give a correct account of the share I had in his having been taken away from here in a dying condition and being allowed to die on board the *Malacca*, only one hour after he left this harbour with no friend near him in his last moments.

The late Mr. Pistorius arrived here from Singapore by the *Tetuan*, and on the afternoon of the 2nd instant, called on me; he told me that by advice of his doctors at Singapore he was going up to Yokohama for the benefit of his health; he said he believed there was nothing much the matter with him, and that the trip to Japan would put him to rights in a few days; I was not much pleased with his appearance and believed he was more seriously ill than he, poor fellow, imagined, so asked him if he felt better than he did when leaving Singapore and how he had got on during the voyage; he assured me he was a great deal better from the sea voyage, and had got on very well on board, but was feeling a little tired that day which he attributed to having moved about more than perhaps he ought to have done, as he had been on board the *Malacca*, to the Hotel, &c.; he remained the whole of that afternoon with me and dined at my house.

I observed in the course of the afternoon and evening that he was very absent, and at times spoke as if he was not in his right mind, so got rather alarmed about his condition, advised him to send for a doctor, and several times tried to induce him to stay here for a few days to rest, and offered to put him up at my house so that he might be properly taken care of. The poor fellow insisted in saying there was nothing the matter and that he would be all right again as soon as he was out at sea once more. He left me at half-past 9 that evening and went to the Hongkong Hotel, and I told him I would go next morning to fetch him up to breakfast; when I called at the Hotel I found him in bed and he appeared to me to be worse than he was the day before; his feet I noticed were much swollen and he seemed to be in a draway state. I remained with him for some time

and tried to persuade him to consult a doctor and not to go on unless he was told by the doctor he could do so. He positively refused to allow me to send for a doctor and said he had some medicine on board the *Malacca* which had been prescribed for him—I forgot whether he said at Singapore or by the Dr. of the *Tetuan*—that he felt all right and had no pain anywhere but was only a little weak and tired and therefore would remain in bed and go off to the *Malacca* at 5 o'clock. I found out from him he had only had a cup of tea that morning, and as he neither ate nor drink anything at my house the day before I believed this sickness was perhaps caused by want of nourishment, so told him he must take some, and went out and saw the Hall boy of the Hotel and asked him to get some good soup for him. Notwithstanding his refusal to see a doctor I saw the manager of the Hotel and asked if there was any living at the Hotel; and on being told Deputy Surg. General Mackinnon occupied a room there, I asked to speak to him but found he was out; I returned to Mr. P.'s room and after again trying in vain to persuade him to give up the idea of going by the *Malacca* I told him I would leave him then and return before 5 o'clock so as to accompany him on board and that he was not to go off till I came. I tried to meet two medical gentlemen of my acquaintance that afternoon, intending to ask one of them to call on him at the Hotel with me, but, unfortunately, I did not come across them, and at about half-past 4 I returned to the Hotel and found Mr. P. had already gone off at 4 o'clock. I went at once to the wharf and got on board the *Malacca*, where I found him lying down in the couch in his cabin; he spoke and appeared quite conscious but looked much exhausted; he thanked me for going off and for the attention I showed him here. I said to him I was only sorry to let him go away so ill and would be pleased if he would yet change his mind and remain, but he insisted that he would be all right as soon as the steamer was out at sea. I left him and sent for the chief steward, and, after recommending my friend to his particular care, asked the name of the captain, the purser and the doctor and if they were on board and told him I wished to speak to them. He said only the doctor was on deck and took me to Dr. Barclay who was then walking on deck. I told the doctor who I was and that I had a very intimate friend who was a passenger on board and who I was afraid was seriously ill, and that although I had been told by him nothing much was the matter I was much alarmed about his condition, and had in vain tried to persuade him to see a doctor and to remain, but he had gone off and was in his cabin on board the steamer. 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to the net amount of Premium contributed  
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J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
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Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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